

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's medical reporter, Kellye Lynn, discusses health issues and interviews experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on two students who died from H1N1 virus and had attended Baltimore schools.

October 2: The state of Maryland is taking steps to keep flu from spreading and Eyewitness News details their plans.

October 4: Eyewitness News reports on how exercise may help to prevent prostate cancer.

October 5: Eyewitness News reports that an Autism study shows more children may have this condition than first thought, as many as one in one hundred children.

October 6: Eyewitness News reports that the first dose of H1N1 vaccine has arrived and viewers want to know if it's safe or has unwanted side effects.

October 7: Eyewitness News reports that new research shows that 75% of women who die from breast cancer never had a mammogram.

October 9: Eyewitness News reports on how the nations top health officials joined Governor O'Malley for flu vaccine to promote the benefits of getting vaccinated.

October 10: Eyewitness News provided information on how the Health department is scheduling clinics at schools to administer new flu vaccines.

October 12: Eyewitness News reports that hospitals are changing visitation policies to prevent spread of H1N1 virus.

October 13: Eyewitness News says a new study is being done on a of less invasive prostate removal procedure that has less side effects.

October 14: Eyewitness News reports on an extensive new study on possible cell phone/brain tumor connections finds a potential link between the two

October 15: Eyewitness News reports that the first clinic in the city has opened its doors to thousands hoping to protect themselves against the potentially deadly virus, meanwhile, the City health officials confirm outbreak of legionnaire's disease.

October 16: Eyewitness News reports that giving your child Tylenol may make vaccines less effective according to a just release health study.

October 17: Eyewitness News reports that Alzheimer's disease is now the sixth leading cause of death in the country.

October 19: Eyewitness News reports that Maryland is suffering from a shortage of H1N1 vaccine and flu appears to be hitting Howard County schools hard.

October 20: Eyewitness News reports that several flu clinics have been forced to shut down because of dwindling supplies of H1N1 vaccine.

October 21: Eyewitness News reports on a new technology that promises to help amputees live their lives more fully; the "Smart Hand" is one step closer.

October 22: Eyewitness News reports on a new study that suggests eating shellfish may raise the risk of getting Diabetes.

October 23: Eyewitness News reports that a sixth resident at a senior citizen apartment has been diagnosed with Legionnaires Disease.

October 25: WJZ is live at Harry & Jeanette Weinberg YMCA for "Making strides against Breast Cancer:

October 26: Eyewitness News reports that a new study shows that at least 1 in 5 American children, ages 1 to 11, do not get enough vitamin D.

October 30: Eyewitness News reports that a Johns Hopkins study found that kids without insurance are 60% more likely to die in a hospital than those without insurance.

October 31: Eyewitness News reports that health researchers found negative effects from the very first puff of smoke. In a test of 18 to 30 year olds, arteries got stiffer by 25 % after one cigarette.

November 2: Eyewitness News reports that a new study on antibiotics may give some relief to expectant mothers during flu season.

November 4: Eyewitness News reports that a major campaign is being launched to vaccinate thousands of public and private school students against the H1N1 virus.

November 5: Eyewitness News reports on a stunning development in the swine flu virus – it is now showing up in animals according to a vet who says it has been discovered in a cat.

November 6: Eyewitness News reports that a new study shows green tea may help ward off oral cancer.

November 9: Men who work out regularly may have a lower risk of developing prostate cancer as reported by Eyewitness News.

November 10: Eyewitness News Health Watch reports on a study that says obese teen girls may run a higher risk of developing multiple sclerosis.

November 11: Eyewitness News reports that researchers have discovered an easy way to ease the side effects of chemotherapy in a medical form of ice cream called “Recharge”. The strawberry flavored treat contains a large concentration of ingredients to relieve upset stomachs.

November 12: Eyewitness News reports that smoking may lead to a higher risk of suicidal behavior in people with bipolar disorder.

November 14: University of Maryland Medical Center completes a 4-way kidney exchange and Eyewitness News details the complicated operation.

November 16: Eyewitness News reports that a new study raises questions the effectiveness of two prescriptions Zetia & Vytarin.

November 17: Eyewitness News reports on the findings of a government panel that recommends new guidelines for mammograms. Task force say screening should start at age 50 not 40.

November 18: Eyewitness News reports that Maryland is one of several states where more than 50 percent of adults in the state are considered obese.

November 19: Eyewitness News reports that a new study finds a brisk 15 minute walk can reduce the urge to eat chocolate and lead to weight loss.

November 20: Eyewitness News reports that a new report states that women in their 20’s do not need to have PAP smears as often as originally thought and recommend the test every two years instead of once a year.

November 24: Eyewitness News reports on an alarming trend that one in four teenage girls has a sexually transmitted disease. Twenty-four percent of girls between 14 and 19 year of age tested positive for one of five of the most common sexually transmitted infections.

November 25: Eyewitness News reports that researchers have found that hormones produced during pregnancy produces a protein that blocks the growth of breast cancer.

November 27: Eyewitness News reports that women who smoke may have a higher risk of developing seizures than non smokers.

November 29: Eyewitness News reports that the World Health Organization says people infected with the virus that caused AIDS, should start treatment one to two years earlier than what is currently recommended.

November 30: Eyewitness News reports that on research that shows many pregnant women are still taking medications that could cause birth defects. Doctors say some drugs are essential but others including antibiotics, severe acne and anti anxiety medications should be avoided

December 2: Eyewitness News reports that the H1N1 virus is getting harder to fight and is proving resistant to Tamiflu.

December 3: Eyewitness News reports that doctors in Baltimore are helping critically ill patients maintain their muscle strength while bedridden and this results in a faster recovery.

December 4: Eyewitness News reports that women who breastfeed lower their risk for diabetes and heart disease.

December 9: Eyewitness News reports that a newly released study suggests as little as 15 minutes of physical activity a day can substantially lower a man's chances of dying from prostate cancer.

December 10: Eyewitness News reports that certain precautions need to be taken when exercising outside in the cold to prevent injury and illness.

December 11: Eyewitness News reported on a flu shot clinic for H1N1 that was held at the Enoch Pratt Library

December 12: Eyewitness News reports that doctors are urging African Americans to get flu shots. Many have dismissed the need to get a flu shot putting them at greater risk especially if they have asthma.

December 14: Eyewitness News reports troubling new information on teenagers and their increase drug use.

December 15: Eyewitness News reports that a Baltimore girl testifies on Capitol Hill about concussions caused during school age athletics.

December 17: Eyewitness News reports that everyone who wants a swine flu vaccine can get one now that the supply can meet the demand.

December 22: Eyewitness News reports that Cohn's disease effects hundreds of thousands of people and profiles one woman who isn't letting the disease prevent her from achieving her dreams.

December 23: Eyewitness News reports that a new treatment for fibroid tumors is less painful and provides a quicker recovery time for patients.

December 26: Eyewitness News reports that hundreds of volunteers in Randallstown turned out for a bone marrow drive to help a woman suffering from leukemia.

December 28: Eyewitness News reports that doctors express concern about the number of viruses growing resistant to drugs due to the overexposure to antibiotics and antibacterial soap.

December 30: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore County announces two mass vaccination clinics for the H1N1 virus that open to the general public on a first come, first serve basis.

ON TIME

October 4: Congressman Elijah Cummings explains to Kai Jackson why there is a need for health care reform. He discusses the areas targeted for reform under President Obama's plan. Without significant reforms, more people will be without healthcare as expenses skyrocket. People with existing medical conditions will not be able to get coverage unless significant changes are made in health insurance.

October 11: More and more families who are faced with a loved one with a terminal illness are turning to hospice care. Sarah Diehl and Lori Mulligan from Gilchrist Hospice Care explain when it is appropriate to seek out hospice care – when illnesses can no longer be cured but pain and suffering need to be addressed through medication. Hospice also provides emotional and spiritual assistance to both the patient and the caregivers.

October 11: The American Cancer Society is making strides against breast cancer. Representatives Gail Roddie-Hamlin and Cathy Hirsch discuss the programs to help women with this disease. African American women who are disproportionately affected by breast cancer – fewer women get the disease but more die from breast cancer because of a later diagnosis – are targeted by new ACS programs to address the health disparities.

October 18: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Steven Crawford about the different kinds of eating disorders and how middle aged women and teen males are joining the ranks of young girls with this disorder. Dr. Crawford discusses how eating disorders are treated at Sheppard Pratt and how more people than ever have this problem.

October 18: The Red Devils, named for the red colored chemotherapy drug Adromycin, are a group of volunteers that help families dealing with breast cancer. Jan Wilson tells Kai Jackson how the group was started to honor two women who died from breast cancer. Survivor Lela Robinson discusses how the volunteers helped her during her treatments and encouraged her throughout her treatments.

November 1: Lung Cancer is the second leading cause of death behind heart disease. Mark Krasna and Pam Trombero tell Kai Jackson about a lung cancer support program at St. Joseph. Very few support programs exist for lung cancer survivor due to the stigma associated with this disease which is caused primarily from smoking. They discuss symptoms, detection procedures and treatment options.

November 8: Dr. Steven Schimpff, former CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System and author of “The Future of Medicine” tells Kai Jackson how individuals can help lower the escalating health care costs by taking responsibility for their health. Maintaining proper weight & getting exercise can help to ward off diseases like diabetes which are expensive to treat. He discusses how the medical community needs to be reformed in light of the political discussions taking place in Washington.

November 15: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Wayne Scott Anderson about the obesity problem in the United States and how people can adopt a healthy lifestyle by eating more nutritious foods and having meals that meet portion control. Dr. Anderson discusses the three problem foods: fats, salt and sugar with sugar being the major problem.

ARTS AND CULTURE

October 1: Eyewitness News previews the Maryland Science Center exhibit DaVinci – The Genius.

October 2: Eyewitness News previews the new exhibit at the American Visionary Arts Museum, Life Liberty & Pursuit of Happiness.

October 4: Eyewitness News previews the SugarLoaf Festival featuring handmade arts and crafts from the Mid Atlantic region.

October 6: Eyewitness News previews a new documentary on the Baltimore Colts Marching Band.

October 7: Eyewitness News previews the plans to honor Baltimore author, Edgar Allen Poe, at various events held at museums and Pratt library branches.

October 8: Eyewitness News reports that the upcoming Baltimore City Marathon generates \$100 million for Baltimore’s economy.

October 9: Eyewitness News premieres the new season and new series of cabaret and first play readings for Center Stage Theatre.

October 10: Eyewitness News is live at the 9th Annual Baltimore City Marathon where 20-thousand runners take to the streets that go through many historic city neighborhoods.

October 17: Eyewitness News reports that the iconic Café Hon, one of the original businesses that helped to revitalize Hampden, is in the middle of a fight with the city over their outdoor flamingo sculpture which hangs on their exterior fire escape.

October 21: Eyewitness News reports that the lease is up on the antique carousel next to the Science Center putting its future at the Inner Harbor in doubt.

October 27: Eyewitness News reports that the famous Pink Flamingo above Café Hon in Hampden is being reinstalled after a zoning controversy that originally caused the artwork to be removed.

October 29: Eyewitness News reported on the special tribute statue of former Baltimore Mayor and Governor, William Donald Schafer.

November 1: It's been a year since a terrorists attack in India killed 179 people including a local rabbi and his wife. Eyewitness News reports that the Lubavitch Center in Pikesville is ensuring the couple's legacy will not be forgotten with a dedication in their honor.

November 5: Eyewitness News reports on the Tall Ships that have sailed into Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

November 6: Eyewitness News reports that the Greek Festival begins today at the Greek Cathedral in downtown Baltimore.

November 7: Eyewitness News reports on a quilting marathon that was held to make blankets for children who are seriously ill or traumatized.

November 8: Eyewitness News goes live from the 38th annual Greek Festival in downtown Baltimore.

November 9: Eyewitness News anchor Vic Carter interviews Baltimore native Byron Pitts, senior national correspondent for CBS News and contributor to 60 Minutes about his life in East Baltimore and rise to fame.

November 11: Eyewitness News reports on Stephen King who was in Baltimore for a special book signing.

November 12: Eyewitness News Coffee With segment features a former Baltimore Oriole, singer Rick Dempsey.

November 13: Eyewitness News is live from the Irish Festival at the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

November 13: "The Wizard of OZ" makes its way to Baltimore's Lyric Opera House and Eyewitness News interviews several of the cast members.

November 14: Eyewitness News reports that the creators of "Liberty Heights", "Serial Mom", and "The Wire" got together to raise money and awareness about the Maryland film industry.

November 21: Eyewitness News reports on the Baltimore Improv Group's new show and the return of Bruce Springsteen and the E-street band at the First Mariner's arena.

November 22: Eyewitness News reports that finalists for "Baltimore's Got Talent" competition performed at the Senator theatre. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit local non-profit groups focused on the youth in Baltimore.

November 23: Eyewitness News reports that Towson State University's marching band is only college band in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

November 25: Eyewitness News previews the Broadway show, Mamma Mia, which opens at the Hippodrome Theater.

November 27: Eyewitness News is live from the 20th Annual Festival of Trees that opens at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium where trees are auctioned off to benefit children's programs at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

December 7: Eyewitness News profiles a young Howard County woman who designs popular handbags that are sold in Europe in addition to the United States.

December 10: Eyewitness News section People are Talking discusses the BSO Symphony of Homes fundraiser.

December 11: Eyewitness News profiles how Marylanders celebrate Hanukkah.

December 15: Eyewitness News Coffee With segment profiles Goldman's Kosher Bakery and their Hanukkah treats.

December 16: Eyewitness News Coffee With segment features the Harlem Globetrotters who are performing in Baltimore's First Mariner Arena.

December 18: Eyewitness News interviews some of the cast members from Dreamgirls now playing in Baltimore's Hippodrome Theatre.

December 21: Baltimore pays tribute to Baltimore born musician Frank Zappa on his birthday. The Public Arts Commission decided to put a bust of Zappa outside the Highlandtown branch of the Enoch Pratt Library. Eyewitness News interviews the art commissioner and library representative about the project.

December 23: Eyewitness News People are Talking segment features representatives from the B&O Railroad Museum and profiles their holiday train garden.

December 24: Eyewitness News highlights the Wise Avenue train garden and its many spectators.

December 29: Eyewitness News features former Baltimore Sun cartoonist Kevin Kallaugher who designed a humorist 2010 calendar and with monthly Maryland trivia.

December 30: Eyewitness News examines how Harborplace went from a run-down area thirty years ago to a must visit destination in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

December 31: A special Eyewitness News show features the entire New Year's Eve Spectacular fireworks show live from the Inner Harbor.

ON TIME

October 4: Kai Jackson discusses Free Fall Baltimore, a program of free arts and culture events and programs. Over 70 organizations are participating in this month-long initiative. Dance troupes to symphonies are offering free events for the young to the old.

October 18: The three authors of "Saving the Best for Last" tell Kai Jackson that their new book added exercises for the reader to participate by journaling. Joyce Kramer, Renee Fisher and Jean Peelen write openly and honestly about issues affecting women over 50.

November 1: Kai Jackson talks with Beth Erickson, the director of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, about their newly published book documenting the role of African Americans along the 175 mile area between Monticello Virginia and Gettysburg Pennsylvania. This area is home to 4 presidents, numerous battlefields and history going back to revolutionary times.

November 8: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story, a new exhibit at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum documents the arrest of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and the groundswell of support that followed by African Americans protesting their treatment of second class status. Museum director Dr. David Taft Terry tells Kai Jackson how this was an early civil rights pivotal point lead by a very young Martin Luther King Jr.

November 15: Lydia Woods talks to Kai Jackson about the Maryland Humanities Council's two year program examining the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She discusses a program on the music of the civil rights movement – how Negro spiritual music lead into protest songs and now into hip-hop.

December 6: The Kwanzaa Family Day at the Baltimore Museum of Art features African Drummers, Dancers, storytellers and craft activities for the entire family. Lauren Haney tells Kai Jackson who participants can learn about Kwanzaa by going on a treasure hunt through the BMA looking for the seven principals of the Nguzo Saba.

December 6: Yuletide returns to the Hampton National Historic Site and chief of interpretation, Vince Vaise, in period attire, tells Kai Jackson about the events associated with the northern most plantation. The mansion is decorated to reflect the late 1700's through 1800's. The national site features the mansion, tenant and slave quarters. Free storytelling by a local griot, colonial times-craft making, caroling and carriage rides are part of the festivities.

December 27: The Walters Art Museum has ongoing free drop-in art activities for children of all ages. Jackie Copeland, director of education at the museum, explains how they are using their Ethiopian artwork collection as the backdrop to art activities in January.

COMMUNITY

October 2: Eyewitness News reports that jobs are in jeopardy at Sparrows Point due to major restructuring resulting in 1/3 fewer jobs.

October 3: Eyewitness News reports that a new fire house for Anne Arundel County was paid for by stimulus dollars.

October 5: Eyewitness News reports that the state is one step closer to being able to prevent prisoners from illegally using cell phones behind bars.

October 8: Eyewitness News reports that hundreds of city workers have been furloughed to close budget gap.

October 10: Eyewitness News reported on the Johns Hopkins professor who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this week.

October 11: Eyewitness News interviewed a group of Baltimore nuns who watched as Pope Benedict 16th made their founder a saint.

October 13: Eyewitness News report that police and lawmakers are evaluating how effective it is to use GPS tracking for juveniles.

October 17: Eyewitness News reports that Habitat for Humanity dedicated 9 new homes to deserving families.

October 18: Eyewitness News is live at the Great Prostate Cancer challenge today.

October 19: Eyewitness News reports that Senator Ben Cardin is hoping to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay with a new restoration bill.

October 20: Eyewitness News reports that the Maryland Food Bank shelves are sparse as demand for food has gone up while contributions have gone down.

October 21: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore City police officers and fire fighters refuse to take furloughs, so negotiations continue with their bargaining representatives

October 22: Eyewitness News reports that Coppin State University is hosting a conference to address the problem of youth violence in Baltimore City.

October 26: Eyewitness News reports that Senator Ben Cardin is pushing a Senate Bill to extend unemployment insurance benefits for at least 14 weeks in Maryland.

October 28: Eyewitness news reports that one of Baltimore's radio personalities helped in getting the word out about the Maryland's Checkpoint Strike force to prevent drunk drivers from getting behind the wheel.

November 1: Eyewitness News reports that a controversy is brewing over a city council proposal that would impose new requirements for pregnancy centers.

November 3: Eyewitness News reports that the Baltimore Ravens hosted the 9th annual All Community Team Action party which benefits city youth programs.

November 6: Eyewitness News reports that Constellation Energy agreed to sell their nuclear power plants for \$4.5 billion to a French utility company.

November 8: Eyewitness News reports that the Baltimore Ravens team up with the Maryland Food Bank this holiday season to help fill the shelves.

November 10: Eyewitness News reports that law makers in Howard County voted to ban minors from using tanning beds.

November 11: Eyewitness News reports that St. Joseph Hospital Center broke ground on a special guest house to serve as a home away from home for people who travel long distances for treatment.

November 16: Eyewitness News reports on a special salute to US Veterans at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The ceremony celebrates the airport's USO Lounge which is open to soldiers.

December 3: Eyewitness News is live at the lighting of Baltimore's Washington Monument in the Mt. Vernon district of the city.

December 4: Eyewitness News reports on the start of the annual Pratt Library book sale.

December 6: Eyewitness News reports on the mayor's annual Christmas parade that attracted thousands, including many unhappy constituents.

November 18: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore City inspectors are going through great lengths to catch those responsible for dumping trash.

November 19: Eyewitness News reports that a Mount Vernon Belvedere Association neighborhood, in the heart of Baltimore's cultural and historical district is fighting to stop a convenience store from moving in.

November 20: Eyewitness News reports that according to new US Dept. of Labor, Maryland's jobless rate is now 7/3 percent. There is 51,000 fewer jobs this year than last.

November 21: Eyewitness News reports that the number of families needing help has doubled this Thanksgiving; but the Maryland Food bank is making sure on one is going hungry.

November 22: Eyewitness News reports that the wait is now over for thousands of children waiting for new families though adoption in Baltimore on National Adoption Day

November 23: Eyewitness News reports that Senator Barbara Mikulski and Governor Martin O'Malley will announce federal funding for the state's 211 call center. The number is a 24-hour hotline directing callers to various health and human services programs.

November 24: Eyewitness News gives a preview of the Kennedy Krieger Festival of Trees at the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

November 25: It's an early Thanksgiving for hundreds of families in northwest Baltimore, Eyewitness News reports that the Empowerment Temple church held a free open market to help needy families for the holidays.

November 26: One of Baltimore's biggest Thanksgiving traditions continues. Eyewitness News reports that thousands of 'guests' attended the Bea Gaddy Dinner.

November 30: Eyewitness News reports that "Donate Life Maryland" has announced they've reached a milestone with 2 million people registered to become organ donors.

December 7: Eyewitness News reports that three firehouses will close at the start of the New Year. Nearby residents are upset with this decision.

December 8: Eyewitness News reports that the State Slot Commission has approved building a casino near Arundel Mill Mall.

December 12: Eyewitness News reports that New Psalmist Baptist Church is giving away Christmas gifts to 500 local families

December 13: Eyewitness News interviews Olympic athlete Michael Phelps who says he continues to compete as a means to inspire younger swimmers.

December 16: Eyewitness News reports that a local church wants to provide 160 kids with Christmas presents and is asking for donations.

December 21: Amid public controversy, Eyewitness News reports that the state's largest slot machine proposal will go forward as the Anne Arundel County Council voted to allow a 4700 slot machine casino to be built.

December 24: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of Marylanders are attending area churches to celebrate Christmas Eve services.

December 25: On Christmas day, Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore's Jewish community is reaching out to those in need.

December 29: Eyewitness News reports on the outrage from a number of local animal rights groups after the Philadelphia Eagle's football quarterback Michael Vick is nominated to receive the Ed Block Courage Award for football players who serve as role models for their community.

ON TIME

October 25: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Michael Bogrov about bullies – what causes someone to be a bully and how one should deal with a bully. They discuss how others can help someone who is being bullied and how to diffuse the situation from getting out of control.

October 25: The University of Maryland Medical System is celebrating their 25th anniversary. Robert Chrencik tells Kai Jackson how the hospital went from being a state controlled and funded institution to transforming into a private non-profit institution with 13 affiliate medical systems.

November 22: Attorney Charles Jerome Ware tells Kai Jackson about some of the peculiar and humorous laws that he included in his new book, "Understanding the Law: A Primer." He discusses how the book addresses many of the general issues that his clients ask and how the book is not a substitute for seeking attorney representation for specific situations.

November 22: Kennedy Krieger Institute's Festival of Trees celebrates 20 years and representatives tell Kai Jackson how the money has benefitted the children through specialized programs addressing health problems associated with brain disorders. They discuss this year's event as compared to the first Festival of Trees held in Festival Hall.

November 22: Today's tweens and teens are getting high from drugs found in the medicine cabinet. Steve Cline from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America explains some of the misconceptions about the harmful effects of prescription and over the counter drugs that are being abused. He tells Kai Jackson where parents can find useful information in how to talk to the children about drugs.

November 29: The BLEWS, Blacks and Jews of Baltimore, works to bridge the cultural divide between both groups. Allan Hirsh and Rev. Arnold Howard tell Kai Jackson how their organization provides opportunities for students and congregations to participate in joint projects leading to a greater understanding about the other culture. They discuss their upcoming annual meeting.

November 29: Operation U.S. Mint brings together the Girl Scouts and the USO in a project that benefits the U.S. military servicemen and women. The Girl Scouts and Brownies raise money for their cookies that are then handed out to military personnel shipping out to or returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. Rachel McLaren and Marilyn Trout tell Kai Jackson about their experiences with handing out the cookies to the soldiers.

December 27: Anne Arundel Community College's HCAT program chef John Johnson demonstrates how to make Chocolate Truffles and Fried Plantains with Jelly. The chef tells Kai Jackson about the process used to brine a turkey.

December 27: Kai Jackson talks with Tracy Baskerville and Mark Montgomery about the plans for the upcoming New Year's Eve Spectacular. They discuss the entertainment as well as the new fireworks company, Pyrotechnico, who has planned new choreographed fireworks using sophisticated GPS technology to synchronize the audio and light show. They discuss the importance of this event from the city's perspective.

CONSUMER

October 1: Eyewitness News reports on a new driving law, a ban on texting while driving, that goes into effect today.

October 1: Eyewitness News reports that the use of cameras to catch speeders is now legal in Maryland.

October 2: Eyewitness News reports that a tax break is being given to small businesses affected by water main break in the Dundalk section of Baltimore County.

October 3: Eyewitness News reports that unemployment at 26 year high at 9.8%.

October 6: Eyewitness News reports that BGE is estimating that cost to heat your home this winter should decrease.

October 7: Eyewitness News reports that there's a greater danger of getting into an accident because of growing deer population in the metro area.

October 7: Eyewitness News informs viewers of what they need to know before flying during this holiday season.

October 8: Eyewitness News reports that a new Wegman's Grocery Store will bring hundreds of new jobs to Harford County.

October 9: Eyewitness News reports that dozens of speed cameras have been placed in Baltimore County near schools.

October 11: Eyewitness News examines the start-up costs of slots and how it could end up costing Maryland taxpayers instead of generating extra revenue.

October 13: Eyewitness News reports that Anne Arundel County has banned fly ash from county landfills and now Baltimore City is joining their ban of fly ash.

October 14: Eyewitness News reports that the Maryland Public Service Commission is looking for assurance from Constellation Energy that the sale of their Nuclear facilities won't hurt the consumers in Maryland.

October 15: Eyewitness News reports on the controversy surrounding a new Apple I-Phone application that coaches men on how to pick up different types of women

October 16: Eyewitness News reports on how to make your child's Halloween costume safe.

October 18: Eyewitness News reports that a local co-op group finds a way for consumers to trade in their gas guzzler lawn mower for a coupon toward a greener machine.

October 20: Eyewitness News reports that Plum baby food sold at Toys R US is being recalled for botulism contamination.

October 20: Eyewitness News reports that Target and CVS are going greener by offering incentives for consumers who purchase reusable bags.

October 21: Eyewitness News reports that air travelers are choosing Baltimore's BWI airport over the nearby Washington DC airports. The number of passengers is significantly up at BWI.

October 21: Eyewitness News reports that the FDA is investigating the health claims of several of the sugary cereals.

October 22: Eyewitness News reports that Constellation Energy is providing a million dollars to replace faulty furnaces for needy families.

October 22: Eyewitness News reports that it is now illegal to put used electronics out with the trash.

October 23: Eyewitness News reports that cartons of Breyers All Natural Mint chocolate Chip Ice cream are being recalled because it may contain an undeclared ingredient - wheat, which could cause an allergic reaction in some consumers.

October 25: Eyewitness News reports on a new program that gets rid of unwanted vehicles in neighborhoods by giving them to families who are in need of a new car.

October 26: Eyewitness News reports that the MTA is making several changes to increase security on light rail trains by conducting random security screenings.

October 26: Eyewitness News reports that the FDA is being accused of keeping certain cancer drugs on the market, even though studies show these drugs are ineffective.

October 27: Eyewitness News reports that a decision is expected this week on whether sprinklers will be required in all new homes. Home builders would prefer to tell new homeowner about the sprinklers but leave the choice up to the consumer.

October 28: Eyewitness News reports that about 250 million ACC-Sure insulin syringes are being recalled because of complaints that the needles detached from the syringes.

October 29: Eyewitness News reports that the Consumer Product Safety Commission says more research is needed before the government can recall or ban Chinese dry wall.

October 29: Eyewitness News reports that air duct leaks can cost hundred of dollars a year to heating bills. BGE is giving up to \$200 in rebates for sealing air ducts.

October 30: Eyewitness News reports that the MTA Administration is beefing up on security at several train station and passengers can expect delays as a result.

November 2: Eyewitness News reports that starting today city officials begin collecting \$40 fines for those caught going at least 12 miles over posted speed limit by new speed cameras.

November 2: Eyewitness News reports that tainted ground beef caused a possible e-coli outbreak that resulted in two deaths.

November 3: Eyewitness News follow up on the story of the tainted ground beef that resulted in two people dying and 16 severely sickened after eating contaminated ground beef made by Fairbank Farms brand.

November 4: Eyewitness News reports on new legislation introduced to require some homes to have carbon monoxide detectors..

November 5: Eyewitness News reports that MTA will soon introduce double-decker rail cars to ease passenger congestion.

November 5: Eyewitness News reports that the Federal EPA has put Maryland and 5 other states in the Chesapeake watershed on notice to improve water quality or face fines.

November 12: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore city residents can call Baltimore City Non emergency 311 to see if they are eligible for weatherization assistance program.

November 13: Eyewitness News reports that powering a Plasma TV can increase your BGE bill by \$160 in a year.

November 16: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore County is voting on a bill tonight that will prohibit people under 18 years of age from going to a tanning booth, unless they have a written prescription from their doctor.

November 18: Eyewitness News reports that the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has tougher standards for new car roofs due to the increased number of rollover accidents.

November 20: Eyewitness News reports that the State of Maryland is turning over the operations of the Port of Baltimore to a private company, Ports America.

November 21: Eyewitness News reports that M&T Stadium & Oriole Park at Camden Yards are going green with 12.2 million dollars worth of upgrades. High efficiency bulbs, heating, cooling, sewer systems will be retro-fitted.

November 23: Eyewitness News reports that two million cribs are being recalled in North America after the products are linked to the deaths of four babies.

November 24: Eyewitness News reports that a Maryland research group has released its annual report on dangerous toys that can still be found on some store shelves.

November 25: Eyewitness News reports that Toyota has a massive recall. The company is urging people to bring their cars in to fix a potentially dangerous problem that could affect the gas pedals on 4 million vehicles.

November 27: Eyewitness News report that police say two men put an ATM skimmer device on a Bank of America ATM several times over the past two months. The device helps thieves steal account information from more than 100 cards.

November 30: Eyewitness News reports that BGE's parent company will take on a brand new wind power project in Western Maryland.

December 1: Eyewitness News reports that the State Highway Administration has issued hundreds of tickets for drivers caught speeding in highway work zones. Drivers are issued tickets if they go over 12 miles over the speed limit.

December 3: Eyewitness News reports that eligible unemployed Marylanders can now receive extensions of benefits retro-actively

December 5: Eyewitness News reports on new efforts to make sure kids aren't exposed to lead when they play with toys made in China. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act forces toymakers to test for lead in their products.

December 6: Eyewitness News reports that a consumer group says the robotic toy, zhu-zhu, contains high levels of a chemical called antimony which can cause health problems.

December 7: Eyewitness News reports that Senator Charles Schumer wants to stop banks from hitting consumers with fees twice per transaction. Seventy-two percent of banks charge when a customer used another bank's ATM. The user already pays a fee to the bank that owns the machine.

December 10: Eyewitness News reports that because of the economy, the MTA is delaying the start of its Smart Card fare card.

December 14: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore ranks second in the nation for cities most likely to experience retail growth

December 15: Eyewitness News reports that BMW will start importing cars through the Port of Baltimore, generating more state and local revenue.

December 18: Eyewitness News reports that employers in Maryland cut almost 2000 more jobs last month raising the unemployment rate to nearly 7 1/2 percent.

December 21: Eyewitness News reports that the Baltimore County Council is voting to require rental property owners to install carbon monoxide detectors in apartments.

December 21: Eyewitness News reports that retailers are taking steps to recover from lost sales due to the weekend snowstorm that closed area malls.

December 22: Eyewitness News looks at the cost of the snowstorm cleanup in Maryland.

December 25: Eyewitness News reports that the popular children's drink Juicy Juice is the target of a new FDA complaint.

December 25: Eyewitness News reports that opponents of slots at Arundel Mills are in a race against time and have fewer than 45 days to get enough signatures to put slots at the mall on the November ballot.

December 28: Eyewitness News reports that new security measures are in place at BWI Marshall Airport due to the breach in security that occurred on a plane bound for Detroit.

December 29: Eyewitness News reports on the recall of Tylenol Arthritis Caplets because of a moldy smell that can cause nausea and illness.

December 29: Eyewitness News reports that the New Year's Eve celebration at the Inner Harbor provides a big boost to Baltimore's economy.

December 30: Eyewitness News reports that a group of scientists and policy makers say current clean up efforts in the Chesapeake Bay are not significant enough to stop the pollution.

December 31: Eyewitness News reports that a free taxi service is again being offered this year to discourage New Year's party goers from drinking and driving.

ON TIME

October 4: The state's tax amnesty program is open to individuals who have not filed taxes. Under this program, certain penalties are waived in order to encourage delinquent taxpayers to bring their account up to date. Comptroller Peter Franchot tells Kai Jackson how the General Assembly approved this measure as a means to collect some of the money that is due the state.

October 11: Kai Jackson talks with Tanya Washington and Rahn Barnes about a new program that offers both a loan and savings component for low-income residents of East Baltimore. This program hopes to counter the predatory practices of businesses known as pay-day loans or cash advance. These businesses charge outrageous fees for check cashing and cash advance services. The new pilot program also teaches financial literacy to the poor.

December 6: Many companies are taking advantage of people who are struggling with foreclosure problems. Tanya Washington and Chloe Williams with the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition tell Kai Jackson how these companies are scamming people who are delinquent on their mortgage payments. They discuss how to identify these companies and what to do if you think you are being scammed.

December 13: Richard Anderson tells Kai Jackson how residential customers can sign up for an Energy Coop and save money on their heating bills. Consumers are able to join a coop that in turn uses its large purchasing power to obtain lower costs for energy. He tells Kai Jackson why coops can be a smart alternative when people are pinching pennies.

EDUCATION

October 2: Eyewitness News reports that twenty-four teachers were honored for Maryland State Department of Education's Teacher of the Year Program.

October 14: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of Marylanders are getting job training they need for free thanks to Microsoft that provides 14,000 vouchers for computer accreditation.

October 16: Eyewitness News reports that Loyola University has opened its School of Education that emphasizes innovation and urban solutions.

October 20: Eyewitness News reports that a University of Maryland student is developing a flying machine based on the motion of a spinning maple seed.

October 22: Eyewitness News reports that the hit HBO show, "The Wire" is being used to teach some of the city's most troubled teens to turn their lives around and away from drugs & crime.

October 23: Eyewitness News reports that Dr. Benjamin Carson is funding reading rooms in Baltimore City schools.

October 28: Eyewitness News reports that the Enoch Pratt Free Library unveiled a plan to get young readers back into books by having youngsters read to pets.

October 30: Eyewitness News reports that Shock Trauma nurses and the Maryland Highway Safety Foundation is teaming up to prevent deaths on the road from teen who get distracted while driving.

November 7: Eyewitness News reports that BGE held an energy assistance program at Baltimore City Community College to assist customers in better managing their energy bills through conservation programs.

November 12: Eyewitness News reports that UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski has been named one of the ten best college presidents in the nation.

November 13: Eyewitness News reports another change for Maryland schools that would reform the State's Charter Law which would give schools more say over how they are funded.

November 17: Eyewitness News reports that six schools in Maryland received the National Blue Ribbon Award.

November 18: Eyewitness News reports that a money management course may soon be a graduation requirement statewide.

November 19: Eyewitness News reports this fall college enrollment is up 50% in the state. Over 350,000 students enrolled in Maryland Colleges.

November 22: Eyewitness News profiles several Morgan State students who are working to keep kids off the streets.

December 1: Eyewitness News reports that students planning on heading to a state college may soon have to pass another math class to get accepted.

December 4: Eyewitness News reports that Morgan State University has identified a new president to take the helm from long-term outgoing president, Dr. Earl Richardson. Dr. David Wilson is expected to be sworn in late June.

December 8: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore City schools participated in The Nations Report Card for the first time. The city was ranked in the middle of other large urban public school districts in the area of mathematics.

December 9: Eyewitness News reports that community colleges around the state are seeing their enrollment numbers increase and administrators say it's a direct result of the economy.

December 10: Eyewitness News reports that two Baltimore high schools are named to US News and World Report's list of top high schools in the nation.

December 11: Eyewitness News reports that changes may be on the way for how Maryland teachers are evaluated and compensated.

December 15: Eyewitness News reports that six Maryland schools are named Blue Ribbon schools.

December 17: Eyewitness News reports that Johns Hopkins University is among 19 Baltimore Washington area schools under investigation for sex discrimination.

December 30: Eyewitness News reports that four Baltimore City middle schools receive a multi-million dollar grant to help students stay in school and graduate.

ON TIME

November 15: Big Brothers Big Sisters has a pilot program matching students with adult mentors in 4 troubled East Baltimore elementary schools. Representatives tell Kai Jackson how the program helps students to stay in school and get better grades.

November 29: Kai Jackson talks with Peter Bruun, the founder and artist director of Art on Purpose about their community art project and how it is juxtaposed with The Walters Art Gallery's exhibition on ancient Greek heroes. He discusses the artwork on display from recent immigrants and refugees and compares their struggles and journeys against the mythological Greek heroes.

December 13: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Earl S. Richardson, the 11th president of Morgan State University about his tenure.. He is slated to retire by June 30 after serving for twenty-five years. Dr. Richardson discusses how the university has grown both in the number of students and in the number of graduate programs. His tenure also witnessed the physical expansion with renovated student residence halls to newly constructed academic buildings. He discusses the role of historically black colleges and universities in the past and offers his vision of what is to come.